



## February 2016

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Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Simi Valley  
Senior Center  
3900 Avenida Simi  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

# Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

February 11, 2016

### February Program

#### Skywarn!

Joe Sirard

Originally from Oxford, MA (birthplace of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross). Has lived in Santa Paula since 1997.

Graduated from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont in 1988 with a BS in meteorology.

Has worked for the National Weather Service for nearly 30 years.

Started his NWS career as a Meteorologist Intern in Concord, NH in 1988; later worked as an Agricultural Meteorologist in Bakersfield, CA (1993-94) and Lindsay, CA (1994-96).

Has been working as a General Forecaster in Oxnard since May 1996.

Has been married to Gretchen since December 11, 2015.

Has a son Joshua (22) who is currently working for General Motors in Chandler, AZ as a software developer.

**Dinner with the Speaker  
Where? TGIFriday's  
When? 5:15pm**

**Join your club board members  
and Joe Sirard, for dinner before  
the meeting.**

### Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

In my presentation on the Porter Ranch Gas Well leak, I hope I was able to pass on some information on the enormous task the Gas Company has in its efforts to capture the leaking gas and control the well leak. This leak is a different type from the 1975 lateral leak.

Today's leak is a ground casing leak that can occur in older wells drilled years ago. The latest update is that the Relief well being drilled has captured the location of the leak and is in the process of plugging the leak with cement.

For the latest news about Amateur Mesh Networks challenging the Big Boys read Rob W6RH Hanson's link <http://motherboard.vice.com> about amateur radio engineers who are forming a network to challenge Time Warner, AT&T and Verizon.

73, Frank Valdez KI6OQ

**Mesh Node  
and Camera  
used during  
Saturday Jan  
30th Bandit  
UltraTrail Run  
2016**



## Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz	<b>Condor Connection</b> 7pm (Plays Newsline)	<b>ACS Area 1</b> Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0 <b>ATN-CA Net</b> 7:30pm <a href="http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm">http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm</a>	<b>Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International</b> 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz		<b>SSARC SSB HF Net</b> 8:30am 7.262 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter <b>CW-QRP</b> 9am 7.032 MHz <b>Quad Squad net</b> 1PM on 21.365 MHz.
<b>SSARC 2 Meter Net*</b> 8:30 pm SMRA-ERN Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0	Thousand Oaks 223.940-1.6 MHz PL156.7 Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz				

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

\*Thanks to our fine Net Control Operators: Steve, KE6WEZ; Rick, W6DQE; Ray, KI6LKD; Jay, AG6JF and Dante, KK6JCQ.

## ACS Corner

1. We are looking for one or two ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, let me know - ke6wez@gmail.com
2. If anyone is interested in how to setup your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, let me know and we can get you started in the proper direction. ke6wez@gmail.com
3. Tuesday 2 February 2016 ORT. Check your Area EC for assignment.
4. Sunday February 14 - LA Marathon. All welcome to participate.
5. Later in 2016 -- Ojai-Ventura Mountains to the beach marathon - more details to come.



- Steve King KE6WEZ ([ke6wez@gmail.com](mailto:ke6wez@gmail.com))



Just a few of the Hams that helped out with the Bandit Ultra Trail Run this last Saturday.

## Events

### **Thursday, February 4, 2016, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night**

Round Table Pizza, 2345 Erringer Road, Ste. 100, Simi Valley

### **Thursday, February 11, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting**

Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

### **Sunday, February 14, 2016, 8:30am Ham Radio License Exam Session**

Ventura County Sheriff's E County Station

2101 E Olsen Rd (Between 23 Hwy & Reagan Library);

Community Room, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Walk-ins-Allowed.

**Contact:** Jeffrey M Reinhardt (818) 706-3853

See: <http://www.cvarc.org/> for more information

### **Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet**

(7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

<http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/swapmeet.htm>

## **Outpost v3.1 available -- Winlink Secure Logon Support**

Hello Outpost users,

Outpost v3.1 is now available (<http://www.outpostpm.org/>). This release is a focused release addressing the changes planned by Winlink to implement Secure Logon.

### **BEFORE DOING ANYTHING, YOU MUST READ THIS:**

<http://www.outpostpm.org/docs/Appnote-1601-Install31.pdf>

This App Note describes the process for manually migrating your telnet logons and passwords to the new data structure. It also describes how to set up or get ready for Winlink's Secure Logon functionality.

### **SHOULD I UPGRADE?**

You MUST Upgrade to this release if you use Winlink for posting and retrieving packet messages.

The Winlink team plans to go live with the Secure Logon feature on 16 April 2016. This means that, at that time, all Winlink users must have previously established a Winlink Account Password to access your Winlink messages and configured Winlink Clients to correctly connect to the Winlink system.

You SHOULD Upgrade to this release if you use Telnet to connect to BBS. While this is not time sensitive, you will need to perform these steps sooner or later if you plan to stay current with Outpost releases. Doing it now as part of the greater Outpost community migration lets you keep current with all the discussion and may help you avoid problems later on.

If neither of these situations applies to you, then there is no compelling reason to install Outpost v3.1. This functionality will be part of future Outpost releases as well.

While I am confident all conditions are addressed, there may be situations that pop up that don't work just right and need attention. Let me know if you come across any of these as soon as possible. As always, if you have questions, please let me know.

regards,

Jim KN6PE

(From the ARRLSSB - ARRL Santa Barbara Section Mailing List)

# National Weather Service Los Angeles/Oxnard

## SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training

When: Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Where: Simi Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley

What: The National Weather Service Storm Spotter Program is a volunteer organization of people with an interest in the weather. Whenever significant weather is occurring, weather spotters call in a report to the National Weather Service office in Oxnard. These reports provide important ground truth for forecasters, which improve forecasts and warnings. As a trained weather spotter, you can provide an invaluable service to the National Weather Service.

The training session will last about 90 minutes, including a question and answer session at the end. Detailed information about various severe weather hazards as well as some background information about the National Weather Service will be presented.

You do not have to have weather equipment to become an official spotter for the National Weather Service. New spotters will receive a personal spotter ID # and a packet with spotter instructions.

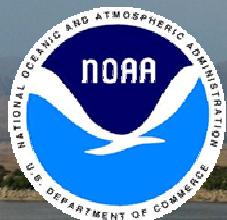
Who: Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

Cost: Free

Speaker: Joe Sirard, Meteorologist, National Weather Service Los Angeles/Oxnard

For Additional Information:

Please e-mail any questions about the spotter training to Meteorologist Joe Sirard at:  
[joe.sirard@noaa.gov](mailto:joe.sirard@noaa.gov)



**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club**  
**General Membership Meeting, January 14, 2016**

- Call to Order: President, Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 12 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 35, with 3 visitors. Frank expressed the thanks from the Club to Jim and Lea Veronica for hosting our Holiday Party at their home.
- Introductions: A brief round of introductions was made. Guests included Dave Carstensen, KM6FQ, Kyle Evans, KK6IES, and Kate Sedlmayr, KK6VKX who joined the Club at this meeting.
- Announcements: Frank said he is making arrangements to have a weather expert as our guest speaker at the February meeting. The LA Marathon will be Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, and they need volunteers to help with communications. Steve King, KE6WEZ, said the Bandit Run is going to be Saturday, Jan. 30. They plan to use mesh networking to provide video and will use packet radio to help keep track of the runners. Frank said the Board has recommended increasing the Club dues to \$18 per year for an individual and \$20 for a Family membership. The renewal cycle will continue to be based on the date when a member joins. Frank made a motion that we approve this plan. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Program: For this meeting our President Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, gave a presentation about the Gas Storage Facility in the Aliso Canyon, near Porter Ranch. It was built up between 1972 and 1984 and Frank said it is one of the largest in the country, with over 150 gas wells and about 50 oil wells. The site covers about 2 miles from east to west and 1½ miles from north to south. Frank, who has worked for the Gas Company for many years, gave a history of the facility with many pictures he has taken over the years. He described how the facility is used to store gas when excess supply is available and then gas is extracted to meet customer demand when needed. With pictures, Frank told the story of a gas fire in 1975 and how it was extinguished with the help of "Red" Adair. Frank described the current situation with the Porter Ranch gas leak from the storage zone about 11,000 feet down. He described the plans to seal off this well by drilling down to it from the side. At the end of his talk, Frank answered questions from members.
- Break: Following the program a 10-minute break was taken with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.
- Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Richard Carter, KJ6NXC, who was not present to win the \$30 prize. Therefore, the amount will increase to \$40 for our next regular meeting on February 11, 2016. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.
- Prize Raffle: Bill Unger, W6VDK, won the "Grand Prize" at this month's raffle.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.
- Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

## Simi Settlers' Leadership

<b>President</b>	Frank Valdez	KI6OQ	(805) 404-0394	<a href="mailto:ffvaldez@dslextreme.com">ffvaldez@dslextreme.com</a>
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Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisettlers.org/index.htm>

Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>

Mail: P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, CA 93062-2125

### Letter From The Editor

Well it's turning out to be another busy year. Between work, Ham Radio and the honey-do list I've been hopping and you can guess which activity is more interesting. I've found myself fascinated by the ability to use my smart phone for digital communications with only a simple audio patch cable and a half dozen capacitors and resistors. I now have a version of FLDigI and APRSDroid installed on an HTC Droid Incredible 2 to play with.

Of course I'm still working on getting the new shack and workshop in order so that I can find all my tools, equipment and bits and pieces. Like I said, it's going to be a busy year.

Happy New Year and 73 to all,

- Joe W6JWP

# Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- ([www.simisettlers.org](http://www.simisettlers.org))

## Membership Application



### Type of Application:      Type of Membership:

New Member     Individual (\$18/yr)      
Renewal        Family (\$20/yr)     

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Omit year)

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL: Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Family Members:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Omit year)

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL: Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Omit year)

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL: Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Omit year)

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL: Yes  No

Badges requested: Yes  No  How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Shirts requested: Yes  No  How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s) Size(s) (Sm, Med, L, XL, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Jackets Requested: Yes  No  How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$88.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s) Size(s) (Sm, Med, L, XL, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Application type: New  Renewal  Membership type: Individual  Family

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_